

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pinkham, Miss Mary Pinkham and Fred Pinkham, all of Hillsdale were week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Pinkham.

Miss Madge Clemons left Monday morning to begin school in McLaughlin Business college, Grand Rapids.

Let us tell you how to avoid paying high prices for eggs next winter. Wortley & French. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Snyder left on Friday for their home in Oil City, Pa., after a few weeks' visit with relatives in Michigan. They visited the former's sister, Mrs. Alta Hall of this place.

Mrs. H. P. McElroy returned Friday from the west where she has been visiting the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Packard and son, Cecil, left Tuesday for Vicksburg to spend the Fourth.

You will save money by buying wall paper this year. Large stock at Wortley & French's. Adv.

Miss Jessie Raymond returned recently from a visit with her uncle at Detroit. She was greatly impressed with life in the big city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Washburn have returned from a few weeks' visit in St. Paul and Chicago.

Mrs. W. A. Wilder returned Monday night from a visit with her son, Ned's family, at Yonkers, N. Y., while Ned was away on a business trip to California. Her grandson, William (Ned's son), accompanied her home for his summer vacation.

Mrs. Anna Moon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sidney Brown and family and mother near Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dodds and son, Gerald and the Misses Maud and May Bignell visited relatives at Saranac Saturday.

Should you desire a clean dry place to store household goods, see G. E. Wortley. Adv.

Edward Ammerman of Conawanda, N. Y., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Zeb Sovereign.

Will Irish of Virginia visited his brother, Leonard and family while on his furlough home.

Miss Rosina Bignell called on her grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Dicken at Smyrna Monday.

Mrs. A. Webber is visiting relatives at Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Dodds and son, Gerald and Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens and daughter spent Sunday with friends at Harvard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schmidt went to Ionia early Wednesday morning to catch the Grand Trunk train for Pontiac, where they will spend the Fourth with his father. Mert Eaves took them to Ionia, this latter part of the item is seemingly not so very interesting but it lets the public know that Mert got up early that morning, a noteworthy fact.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Barcey of Flint were guests of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Martin over Sunday.

J. E. Weaver is seriously sick at his home on Liberty street. An operation disclosed the fact that he is suffering from cancer.

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GOVERNMENT WAR
ORDERS ARE TO BE
EVENLY DISTRIBUTED

WILL RELIEVE LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL CONGESTION IN THE EASTERN STATES.

The committee appointed by the board of commerce to study a meeting in Grand Rapids of industrial zone No. 10 of District No. 8 for handling war orders, reports as follows:

The government has divided the United States into 20 districts for the purpose of equalizing war orders, relieving transportation congestion, and avoiding too great a shifting of labor.

The lower peninsula of Michigan is District No. 8 and this district is divided in zones, Grand Rapids and the adjacent towns being Zone No. 10.

This meeting was called for the purpose of organizing this zone and electing a permanent chairman. Dudley E. Waters at this meeting was elected chairman of the 10th zone and it is the intention that the chairmen of the several zones in this district No. 8 shall meet every two weeks and take up and straighten out any matters necessary relative to war orders to be placed or already placed in this district.

It is the desire and intention of the government to do as far as possible distribute war orders more evenly than they have been able to in the past so that each section will get its proportion of this business as its ability is found able to handle. Until recently 85 per cent of all the war orders have been placed within a radius of 500 miles of New York city and this has caused not only difficult labor conditions but serious congestion in transportation facilities and it is to avoid these conditions that the government desires a more even distribution but until the districts are thoroughly organized and a careful survey made of all industries in these different districts it is impossible to intelligently place these orders.

A report is to be made on blanks which will be furnished for that purpose, showing the equipment, floor space, class of labor, etc., of each individual industrial in each zone and in this manner much of this business can be distributed to the smaller concerns who are now not able to enjoy any of this business owing to the fact that they are not of sufficient size to justify their taking a full contract but are in a position to take part of a contract by having it sublet to them from some larger industry.

During this meeting the fact was brought about that the government is going to require within the next year nearly 50 per cent of the entire industrial production of the United States and this means that every community is going to be asked to do its necessary share from an industrial standpoint.

The representatives at this meeting were men connected with every industrial life of practically every community in this zone and all of them were deeply interested in the entire proceeding and gave evidence of the fact that every possible effort would be made to assist the government in any way possible and incidentally to procure for this zone some war orders that can be profitably handled, and at the same time relieve the government in some of its present congested districts that are now trying to handle more than their share of this business.

As soon as these blanks covering the industrial survey are received the different manufacturers will be asked to fill them in and they will be forwarded to Dudley E. Waters, Chairman, at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hicks and daughter, Avis, went to Grant Wednesday morning to visit his sister, Mrs. Harmon Kohler. A daughter of Mrs. Kohler, little Miss Eoma, who has been visiting here for the past week returned home with them.

Brought In First Raspberries. Vern LaDow brought in two crates of 16 quarts each, of red raspberries, Thursday, and they found a ready sale on the local market at 22 cents per quart. The berries were of the first home to be put on sale here and were of the best quality.

E. E. 'SLYE, CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I am a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary election, to be held August 27, 1918. If nominated and elected, I will give to the people of Ionia county a good, clean and business-like administration, and I solicit the support of the voters upon this kind of a platform.

Yours truly, E. E. Slys. Ionia, Mich., May 27, 1918.—Adv.

GRATTAN

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Partridge and two daughters, Avis and Elmira, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming, of Ithaca, over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Omer is caring for Mrs. Ed. Byrne and babe.

Dr. Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, was called in consultation for Mrs. Ida Matice, Sunday. Hre condition is very serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foy visited her parents, near Trufant, Friday and Saturday.

There will be a speaker from Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening at the M. E. church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brownell and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Platt Rowland, Sunday.

Remember the date of the L. A. S. social to be held with Mrs. Jay Norton Thursday afternoon, July 11th.

(Letter received to late for full publication).

The man who makes a success of his business is not the man with the most luck, but he man who tries hardest.

MUSKRAT FOR FOOD

The enormous numbers of carcasses of muskrats which are thrown away after the pelts have been removed is a waste of food. The muskrat is an animal of most cleanly habits, is most discriminating in choice of food, and is a very acceptable addition to the table.

The writer can speak from personal experience to the effect that when cooked as rabbits are cooked the meat of the muskrat is extremely palatable. As a matter of fact, muskrats are sold for food in some of the eastern markets and some hunting clubs in the East have annual banquets in which the muskrat forms the chief dish. In some places this animal is known as the "marsh rabbit."

It is to be hoped that this means of reducing the cost of living, although slight, may not be overlooked.—F. L. Washburn, Minnesota Experiment Station.

CAUSE OF DISEASED UDDERS

Bitter Taste and Rancid Smell in Milk Traced to One Cow in Herd—Cases of Sore Throat.

Dairymen have occasionally been puzzled by a bitter taste and rancid smell in milk, produced under sanitary conditions. It has been found that such conditions can arise from one cow in the herd with a diseased udder and a bacterium has been isolated as the immediate cause in the milk. The bacterium credited as the disturbing factor is said to belong to the group lactis aerogenes. On a farm in Wisconsin they found three cows affected with mastitis to which was traced the cause of 200 cases of severe sore throat among the persons using milk from the herd.

MUST RAISE DAIRY CALVES

To Increase Number of Cows It Is Advisable That Farmers Begin Raising Their Own.

If we are to increase the number of cows, as seems advisable, some farmers must raise calves of the dairy type. It is hoped that many farmers will decide to begin raising cows and producing dairy products. The first essential will be food for the family, then a surplus to sell, then soil fertility which will be possible where cows are kept.

AVOID FILTH IN CALF PENS

Important That Young Animals Have Clean Stall and Dry Bedding—Dirt Breeds Disease.

Many of the troubles that the calves of this country are heir to can be traced directly to unclean surroundings. The calf should have a clean, dry stall, clean pails from which to eat and clean, dry bedding all the time. Filth breeds disease more quickly in the calf pen than anywhere else.

Saw the Busy East. Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Smith returned Monday evening from a month's sojourn in the east, visiting a number of cities there and being impressed greatly with the magnitude of war preparations which are being carried on in all cities down east. The doctor said the east is just one huge workshop. They had a fine enjoyable time while away but Belding looked good to them when they got back.

Mrs. John Rickle was called to Fennville by the serious illness of her daughter.

The force at Carten's big stores had another of those enjoyable social events on Thursday evening in the way of a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carten at the home of Mrs. Alice Caine, where the bride and groom are at present domiciled. About 35 walked in most unceremoniously, but with a sumptuous array of "canta" and took possession for the evening. It was a very pleasant occasion and before the close the bride and groom were presented a very exquisite cut-glass water set.—Ionia Standard. Mrs. Carten was formerly Miss Estelle Brooks, a teacher in the local schools last year.

OUR PART IN FEEDING NATION

(Special Information Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

CITY MEN AS FARM HELPERS



The Service That Some City Men Rendered Last Year in Saving the Potato Crop Can Be Duplicated Now in Grain on Fields, Truck Farms, Etc.

COOPERATION OF COMMERCIAL CLUBS NEEDED

Farm Labor Shortage Such That Heroic Measures Are Necessary—Opportunity for City Men to Repay to Nation Part of the Debt They Owe the Farm.

Suppose you close your store next Tuesday—lock it up and go away all day—how much will you lose? Something, certainly. But suppose, tomorrow morning, you display placards over every counter telling your customers that the store will not be open Tuesday, that the entire sales force is going to put in the day fighting for the freedom of America, and ask them to buy on Monday what they need for Tuesday. How much would you lose then, even if your competitor on the next corner should keep open all day and hustle for business? A little possibly. But don't you think it

You remember when they came in green from the country, sunburned and hard as hickory. The fact that they are now among the best business men in town does not prove that they couldn't still do good farm work. Why, not so long ago, when Bill Brown rushed in to get a few balls of binder twine, and to put a little extra money in the bank and chaffed you about the ease of your job and how soft you were, you probably boasted that you could shock wheat or walk between the plow handles with the best of them. Of course you could—and of course you can. Maybe you can't hold it as long as some of them, but you can do it as well. All right. The time has come for you to do it. You never made a boast that you could not back up, did you?

If your town falls down on this matter, the country will suffer a little. It will not suffer a great deal, because most of the towns are not going to fall down on it. But if your town falls down on this matter, your town will suffer more than a little. You know what happens to trade when the farmers all around are short on crops and have barely enough money to scrimp by with.

FARM LABOR—IT'S YOUR PROBLEM.

The farm labor problem is one it is one that the farmer alone cannot solve—one that the farmer cannot even solve with the aid of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, and all such agencies.

It is a problem that affects the city man and in the solution of which the city man must help.

Practically every business man in an agricultural region is dependent, in large measure, on the farmers. If they fail, he suffers. He owes it, therefore, to himself not less than to his country to give every possible assistance.

Write to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for a copy of "The Farm Labor Problem—Manpower Sufficient in Properly Mobilized by Cooperation and Community Action."

Study the problem as it applies to the farming communities on which you and your business depend for the largest measure of success. And get busy helping with the solution.

That is a business duty you owe yourself and your customers, patrons, or clients. It is equally a patriotic duty you owe your country.

would be bread upon the water, that would return to you, and after not so many days at that? Don't you believe that for every customer of yours who went to trade with your competitor during the day you were closed, three of his would come to trade with you within the week?

Most Fight in the Furrows. Urban people have got to do some fighting for freedom in the furrows this spring, summer and fall. They have got to help the country win the war by helping the farmer produce food—which means that they will be helping themselves most of all.

With the exception of a few mining and manufacturing centers, the villages, towns and cities of 100,000 or less are mainly dependent for their success on the prosperity of the farming communities around them. They have good times or hard times in proportion as the farming operations in their trade territory succeed or fail. In normal times, even, sensible self-interest prompts the business man to encourage and aid the farmer. Now, in the stress of war, the prompting to help the farmer comes hardly less from good business judgment than from patriotic impulse.

Here is the situation: The farmers will need additional labor to help cultivate and harvest the crops they have planted. This situation can not be met by legislation. The task imposed upon the Israelites by Pharaoh, to make bricks without straw, was an easy job compared with the task of making labor by law. In large measure the needed labor must come from the people in towns whose business does not have to be kept humming every minute.

Men Who Were Farm Boys. You know, a very large proportion of business men have been farm boys. Just make a mental canvass of the men in your block or your building.

THE FARM AND THE CITY MAN

Spend five minutes thinking over what you owe to the farm.

Very likely it gave you the stamina and strength of character that has made you a success in the business world. Certainly, it has given those things to some of the men upon whom you rely for maintaining that success.

In one way or another, directly or indirectly, it gives you a large part, probably the bulk of your business. Without its contribution of food, neither your home nor your business house could continue in existence.

That is what the farm means and has meant to most city men. You will know best just what it means to you.

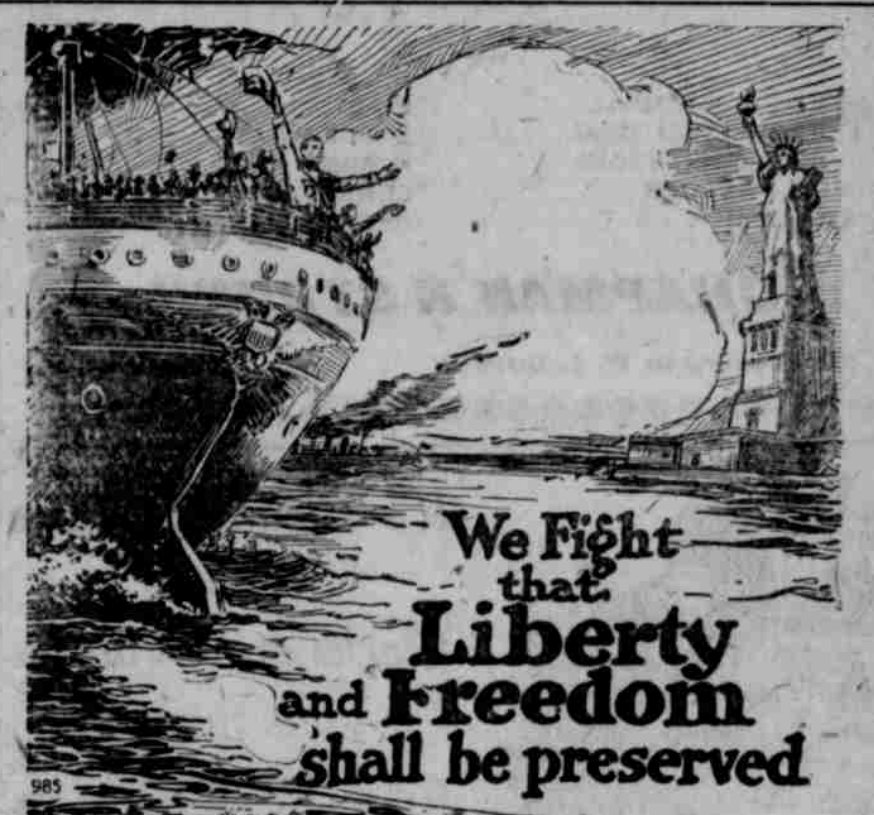
Now, having thought it over, remember that the farm is in such dire need of labor as it has never known before.

And get ready to do what you can toward repaying the debt you owe the farm—not repaying it so much to the farm, either, as paying it to your country in genuinely patriotic service.

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